HANGMAN'S TREE DECLARED MENACE TO NEIGHBORHOOD

Giant Cottonwood, Set on Fire by Small Boys, Creates Alarm Along St. Louis and Labadie Avenues-Residents Ask City Officials to Destroy the Landmark.

A great, gaunt cottonwood tree, popularly celebrated as "Hangman's Tree," rising like a giant specter in the rear of a vacant lot at No. 4220 Labadie avenue, is the in-pocent cause of complaint in the neighbor-bood of St Louis, Labadie and Lambdin

Troubles have multiplied about the old tree in the last week, with the result that Mrs. J. N. Neff of No. 4217 St Louis ave-Mrs. J. N. Neff of No. 4711 St Louis ave-nue has applied to Deputy Commissioner of Public Buildings Stemme, in behalf of the neighbors, to have the landmark removed, stating that it has become a nuisance and is dangerous to life and property Hangman's Tree measures 24 feet in cir-cumference at its base and is at least 100 feet tall. Its branches extend outwards at

as far as they could climb. A parlor match did the rest.
Within a short while the inside of the huge tree was all aflame. Women poked their heads out of windows and shouted

their heads out of windows and shouted "Fire!"

"It will fall on Mr. Knupp's house or on the sheds and will set the whole neighborhood afire," others cried in alarm. Several women turned in an alarm of fire, and soon thereafter two engines, two hose carts, a reel and a hook and-ladder truck appeared on the scene.

At 5 o'clock the fire broke forth anew. Special Officers Roberts and Woodling of the Tenth District sent in a still alarm for a hose cart. At 19 o'clock in the night the Fire Department was again called, and at 5 o'clock Thursday morning Officer John Nollman, who lives at No. 4219 St. Louis avenue, once more sent in a still alarm. The hook-and-ladder truck came and the fire was permanently quenched, after the



HANGMA N'S TREE.

Giant cottonwood which residents of St. Louis and Labadie avenues want city authorities to destroy as a menace to public safety.

the top and form a large fan that is dis-cernible half a mile away in each direc-tion. The tree is located exactly on the edge of the alley, in the center of the block, frowning down on the one-story home of Newton Knupp, at No. 4216 Labadie ave-nue, as well as numerous sheds and struc-tures in the rear of the St. Louis avenue

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Chinese Are Garrisoning Fortified

Passes Beyond the Territories

Held by Allies.

EMPEROR ON PUNISHMENTS.

to Executions Which Threat-

en the Very Dynasty

Shanghai, Feb. 10.—It is reported here that the Empress Dowager, yielding to foreign pressure, has allowed Emperor Kwang Su

A dispatch from Pekin asserts that all

held by the allies are being garrisoned by

WALDERSEE CRITICISES PRENCH.

Pekin, Feb. 10.-Count von Waldersee is

the French troops near Pao-Ting-Fu, and also with their avowed intention, in spite of his protests, against it, to organize an

to resume the reins of government.

BOXERS SECRETLY

CHIEF JUSTICE SERIOUSLY SHOT.

Alabama Judge Opposes Entrance to His House of Irate Father and His Son.

ELOPERS CAUSE OF TROUBLE.

Bridegroom Escaped Bullets, Shot | He Telegraphs a Refusal to Agree Into Closet-After Explanations Marriage Occurred-Father and Son Arrested.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 10.—Chief Justice McClellan of the Alabama Supreme Court was shot in the right shoulder at his house this morning by either Jesse D. Beale or his son, H. Phelan Beale of this city. The

round is a serious one.
It is alleged that the Beales went to the se of Judge McClellan to find John Moqueen of Birmingham, Assistant Solicitor of Jefferson County, whom the elder Beals harged with abducting his daughter, Caro-

McClelian Shot.

Judge McClelian attempted to prevent the Beales from going upstairs and through his bouse in their hunt for McQueen. This they resented, and one of them, believed to be the father, shot McClelian with a pistol.

McClelian was driven down the stairs and out upon the sidewaik, where he called for the police. The Beales pursued their hunthrough the house, and, believing they had located McQueen in a closet which was locked, fired about a dozen shots into the door. Several passed through the closet.

McQueen was in the Closet, but was in a narrow place to the side of the door and was not struck by any of the balls.

A policeman came upon the scene quickly and the Beales were arrested and taken to police headquarters. They are still under arrest.

JUDGE QUESTIONS WOMAN'S VERACITY.

Granted New Trial Because Verdict Was Based on Testimony of Female Witnesses.

ACTION VEXES CHICAGO WOMEN

Several Criticise the Bench's Strictures on the Sex and Believe Man's Testimony No More Reliable Than That of Woman.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10 .- Woman's ability to tell the truth was questioned yesterday when Judge A. N. Waterman granted a new trial after a jury in his court had returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The verdict was based largely on the estimony of women witnesses,

In granting the new trial Judge Water "I am adverse to accepting the decision of the jury as final in this case. Especially so as that decision was based largely

or the jury as final in this case. Especially so as that decision was based largely upon the testimony of women. The evidence of one written document is of more weight as evidence than the oral testimony of a dozen witnesses, particularly when women are concerned as witnesses.

"Though women are undoubtedly upon a higher moral plane than are men, they are not as reliable upon the witness stand. It seems that women are of a more imaginative nature than men, and, though it is no doubt unintentional, they come to believe as true what they at first only imagine, and maintain their belief in spite of all evidence against it."

Chicago women were angry when they heard of Judge Waterman's strictures upon their sex.

"I am very much surprised," said Doctor Sarah Hackett Stevenson. "He should be more impartial. I believe that the majority of witnesses are unreliable, whether they be men or women."

Doctor Julia Holmes Smith said: "The language attributed to the Judge is ungenerous. According to his implied meaning, they ile, and I don't believe they do."

"I think." said Mrs. Charles Fitzsimmons, "the testimony of an intelligent woman is in every way as reliable as a man's, notwithstanding Judge Waterman's opinion."

The Judge's legal associates, though more guarded in their statements, were plainly inclined to take the part of the women.

USED HATCHET ON SWEETHEART'S HEAD.

Myrtle Davis Sided With Her Mother When Thomas Ward Quarreled With Her.

MAY PROVE FATAL STRICKEN

Girl Feared Ward Was Going to Strike Her Parent - Dispute About Trip to Chicago the Cause.

Thomas Ward of No. 810 South Fourth street received a blow on the head with a hatchet from his sweetheart, Myrtle Davis, last night at No. 1024 High street, which may result in his death. He was taken to tor Nietert said that there is small chance

his sweetheart's mother. As he advanced toward her the girl, thinking that he was hatchet and brought it down on his head. She then ran away. The police are looking for the woman, who—Ward describes as a tall, stylishly dressed blonde, about 25 years old. Ward said that the quarrel in which he received his hurt was caused by the interference of the girl's mother in an argument, when she was not called upon to take part in the conversation.

According to Ward, his sweetheart went to Chicago two weeks ago without telling RE-ENTERING PEKIN.

resolved to call at her house last night and see her.

"I told Myrtle that I thought she showed very little consideration for me." Then her mother made a slighting remark about me and the upshot of it all was that I lost my temper and started to put her out of the room. I did not intend to hurt her. I just wanted to get her out of the room so she could not interfere with my talk to Myrtle.

"I suppose the mother thought that I was going to hurt her, for she ran screaming to the kitchen. Myrtle followed us, and when I grubbed her mother to make her stop screaming, the girl seized a hatchet, which was lying in the coalbox, and brought it down on my head. She aimed a second blow at me, which ripped open my cheek. Then she ran through the house, grabbed her hat and coat and escaped."

The girl's mother, when seen last night, said that she and Ward had a dispute and that as he started toward her, her daughter seized a hatchet and struck him.

NEW CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

Doctor George M. Barney of Berlin Claims to Have Discovered It.

eries under his system. Improvement is supposed to be brought about and felt by the patient within the period of one week.

its irresiatible power destroys the bacilli without injuring the tissue cells. It is ad-ministered in three ways—through the mouth, hypodermically and in vapor form. mouth, hypodermically and in vapor form. When the vapor is used the patient inhales from three to fifteen minutes while seated in a specially equipped steel cabinet. Personally, I prefer the vapor, as it goes deep into the lungs and reaches directly the diseased parts. To effect a cure takes all the way from twelve to sixteen weeks of treatment, according to the resistance of the disease and the recuperating physical condition of the patient."

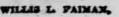
FIRE ENGINE HOUSE BURNS. Horses and Engines Saved by the

enot Engine Company of New Ro-were called from their beds at 1 this ing to fight a blaze in their own head-

SUPERVISORS TO TAKE UP "INVINCIBLE THIEVES" CASE Builington PROSPEROUS

Will Receive Petition in Regard to Reward To-Day-Prisoners Pass Quiet Day in Jail.







JOHN BOALS

can Bottoms blackmailing case of the "In-vincible Thieves" will be heard will be the Madison County Board of Supervisors. The board meets in regular monthly session at Edwardsville, Ill., this morning, and for several reasons the happenings of the entire month in the American Bottoms, culmi-

tire month in the American Bottoms, culminating with the arrest Saturday of John Boals of Alton and Attorney W. L. Fairman of Upper Alton, will be reviewed.

The principal matter to come before the board concerns the reward of \$1,000 which was offered by Sheriff Hotz for the capture and conviction of the gullty parties. The Sheriff would not say whence the offer came until yesterday, when he stated that it had been guaranteed by Fred Penning, George J. Shillinger, John Huebeller and Leonard Hoehns, the four farmers who were threatened. Each bound himself to stand good for \$250 of the amount. They will appear before the County Board this morning, and through Penning, who was formerly a mem-

ber of the body, petition the members to assume the responsibility of the reward, or at least stand half of it, \$500.

The board will also hear the evidence of the five guards from Edwardsville, who have been on duty at the threatened places in the bottoms. Sheriff Hotz sail last night that he had called the men in and would dispense with their services. T. I Morrison

COL. ALBERT D. SHAW IS FOUND DEAD.

Former Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Expires Alone in a Room at His Hotel.

WITH APOPLEXY. SHE IS

Attended a Banquet and Responded Eloquently to a Toast End Came as He Was Preparing to Retire.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Albert D. Shaw of Watertown, N. Y., formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was found dead this morning in his room at the Riggs House. A physician summoned immediately after the discovery of the body pronounced death discovery of the body pronounced death discovery of the body pronounced death due to apoplexy, probably about 2 o'clock in the morning. Colonel Shaw has returned about 19:30 o'clock from a banquet at the Ebbitt House in honor of his successor. General Leo Rassieur, and before he left the banquet hall had responded eloquently to a toast and appeared in excellent health and spirits.

listment in the Thirty-fifth New York Volunteers, and, as special agent of the War
Department at Provost Marshal headquarters during the Civil War. Later he was a
member of the State Assembly for one
term, was appointed Consul to Toronto in
1885, and promoted to Manchester, England,
in 1878, from which latter place he was removed by President Cleveland in 1885 for
being "an offensive partisan." Afterwards
he filled the office of department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the State of New York; commander in chief of the national body and
a Representative in Congress, succeeding
the late C. A. Chickering, who met a tragic
death in New York.

SCHWAB REFUSES TO TALK. Declines to Discuss the Carnegie

Steel Deal.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 19.—President Schwab of the Carnegie company arrived home tonight and was asked by newspaper men for news concerning the Carnegie-Morgan deal. In spite of the persistent questioning Mr. Schwab would say practically nothing. When asked if there really was a deal on his reply was that he would not discuss the matter in any way. The only satisfaction he would vouchsafe was that he intended to return to New York during the next few days and might possibly have a statement to give the public before then.

got their engines and horses out of the building barely in time to save them.

The building, which is a frame structure, was partially consumed, and a large amount of hose equipment and a full complement of uniforms were destroyed. The pleasant of uniforms were destroyed. The last in the four hand and pulled him cahors. The police were notified and Kastiner was removed to his home.

MENTAL TELEPATHY AGENT IN ROMANCE.

Thomas J. Sharp and Edith Talbot to Wed, Though They Have Never Met.

He Proposed to Her by Letter, and,

After a Long Correspondence,

She Has Consented to Marry. Boston, Mass., Feb. 10.-Wooed and won

by the original wireless telegraph, better known as mental telepathy. Miss Edith Taibot of the Bowdoin Square Theater Stock Company is about to retire from the will be celebrated in June.

ciety leader and scion of one of the proudest The strangest part of the story is that

the sweethearts have never spoken with the sweethearts have never spoken with cach other, though Mr. Sharp has seen Miss Talbot. He looked admiringly upon her from a distance. He was in the front row of the orchestra and she was dancing merrily back of the footlights.

First Saw Her in Chicago.

Mr. Sharp came originally from New Orieana. He first saw Miss Talbot, who is a daughter of the North, perform in Hopkins's Theater in Chicago five years

his arrival were at hand, and Miss Taibot, appreciating the many possibilities of the situation, packed her traps, left her position and stiently stole away. The meeting never took place. There was something about the circumstances of the courtship which impelled her to avoid it and to leave the city. She joined a road company, and in time reached New Orleans. As it happened, Mr. Sharp was away. Miss Taibot made inquiries, however, and learned that her suitor was all and more than he claimed to be. When he again proposed she accepted, and now she is about to go West to prepare for the wedding.

LEADING INSURGENT CAPTURED. Governor of Island of Catanduanes Is a Prisoner.

Manila, Feb. 18.—A company of the Forty-seventh United States Volunteer Infantry, operating in the island of Catanduanes, off the southeast coast of Luxon, captured land.

The United States gunboat Don Juan de Austria, co-operating with a detachment of the Forty-seventh Infantry, captured thirty insurgents, including a Colonel and two Majors, in the Province of Albay, Luzon.

Evidence is accumulating against the incriminated Manila traders who were charged with aiding the insurgents.

FARQUHAR AT PENSACOLA.

North Atlantic Squadron Is Returning From Its Gulf Cruise.

Pensacola, Fia., Feb. 10.—The North Atlantic Squadron, Rear Admiral Farquhar commanding, composed of the flagship Kearsarge and battleships Alabama and Massachusetts and the United States ship Potomac, entered this port this afternoon. The squadron has been on a Guif cruise for

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BETRAYED BY TRACKS LEFT IN THE SNOW.

Arrest of Three Men Supposed to Have Committed the Manila, Ia., Express Robbery.

STOLE SAFE WITH \$40,000. HER HUSBAND SICK IN BED.

Carried Their Heavy Burden to a Wagon and Drove Off With It -None of the Money Recovered.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 10.—Prompt and active work by the authorities at Manila, Ia., resulted in the arrest of three men. who the theft of a United States express safe,

said to have contained \$40,000. train, on which the safe was taken from Sioux City, arrived at Monila at 8:05 p. m. Saturday night. The Omaha train was late, eral weeks and James Sturtevant of Sioux City, the ing the goods and packages from his car.
The express sife, with other articles, was unloaded and placed on a truck on the station platform, and then Sturtevant and the baggageman went to the other end of the platform to get another truck load.

When Sturtagent returned he noticed that

and a glance showed that the iron too gone. There was great excitement and no time was lost in spreading the alarm. City Marshal Farrell hastily assembled a posse and vigorous work was begun. Snow lay thick on the ground, and it did not take long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to find the tracks of two persons who long to the track as it stood

son, John Stovall and Charles Hayes. All are men who live at Manilla and are well-known. Their reputations heretofore have not been bad. They stoutly protest their innocence, but the authorities believe the evidence against at least two of them will prove conclusive.

The safe which was stolen contained in the neighborhood of \$40,000. Twelve thousand dollars was in cash and the remainder in drafts, checks and various valuables.

While the robbery undoubtedly was deliberately planned, as the horse and wagon were in waiting in a convenient spot, it is not believed that the men knew they were making so rich a haul. They had no means of knowing the contents of the safe, only that it was used for carrying valuables. They found an unusually favorable opportunity when Sturtevant left the safe on the truck, and had it not been for the telltale tracks in the snow it is not likely the arrests would have been made so promptly.

Jackson, Stovall and Hayes have been in the habit of hanging about the depot at train time, but that was not considered significant, as it is the custom of a number of townspeople at Manilla.

Mrs. Jackson, the wife of John Jackson, also was arrested, but at a preliminary hearing held this evening she was released. The examination will be continued to-morrow. The three prisoners are in jail, having been unable to furnish bonds of \$12,000 each. The authorities say the shoes of two of the men exactly fit the tracks in the snow at the depyt where the safe was carried off. None of the money or valuables has been recovered.

BRITISH JACOBITES AT WORK. Notices Posted Declaring Mary IV

the Rightful Queen.

London, Feb. 10.—The Dally Mail makes the following statement:

"A notice declaring Edward VII a usurper and Mary IV the rightful Queen was posted on the gates of St. James's Palace and at the Guild Hail on the night Queen Victoria died. It was not signed and no one saw it posted at either place, but it is known to have been the handwork of a member of the Jacobite League. Probably no action will be taken, but the incident explains why the legitimists were not allowed to place a wreath upon the statue of Charles I January 32."

GRISCOM'S FAREWELL

Sultan Expresses Satisfaction at Settlement of Difficulties.

CHEMIST COMMITS SUICIDE.

Professor Max Von Pettenkofer

WORKED AS MINER FOR HER CHILDREN.

to Save Her Young Ones From Starving.

Woman's Rare Courage in Trying

Dressed as a Man, She Slaved in a Pennsylvania Coal Mine-How Exposure Was Brought About

hair over rough-clad shoulders and a burst of bitter tears brought out a story

hungry at home, and for her is sick and not able to earn e his medicine. Mrs. Bollonin

SECURITY.

Cenuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.